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**To:** Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services participants, providers, families and stakeholders

**From:** Cathy Robinson, Director, Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services

**Re:** Clarification on Application for Family Supports Waiver for children under the age of six

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The Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services (BDDS) would like to provide clarifying information about Family Supports Waiver (FSW) applicants under the age of six. Applicants under the age of six and their families may apply for services under the FSW at any time. There is currently no age restriction for services under the FSW, nor is there a restriction from receiving First Steps services while also receiving services under the FSW for eligible participants.

If a child receives First Steps services, and his/her family is interested in applying for services under the FSW, the family can apply for services through their local district BDDS office. Applicants are placed on the FSW waitlist based on their application date. Eligibility criteria for First Steps and the FSW are independently established and determined; therefore families would need to participate in eligibility determination activities for both programs to access services under each program.

Families can check their status on the FSW waitlist by visiting the [BDDS Waitlist Portal](#). If you do not see your information on the waitlist, please contact your local BDDS office, contact information can be found [here](#).

